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Energy and Technology Committee—Feb.23 2010**

**H.B. No. 5215 *AAC MODIFICATIONS TO THE PURCHASED GAS, ENERGY AND
TRANSMISSION RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES***

The proposed bill would make modifications to the rules for hearings related to adjustment clauses. First, it proposes to make hearings no less frequently than annually for purchased gas and energy adjustment clauses. We support this recommendation.

Second, the draft proposes that, the DPUC must hold additional hearings on any adjustment clause any time the Office of Consumer Counsel requested one. The bill does not require the OCC to show that a hearing is warranted, and, thus, it results in an automatic, additional administrative burden to the department and affected companies, whether or not such a hearing is ultimately found to be appropriate. The OCC currently has the ability to request a hearing at any time, and it is up to the DPUC to determine the merits of such a request. We do not believe that this part of the draft bill should be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this bill.